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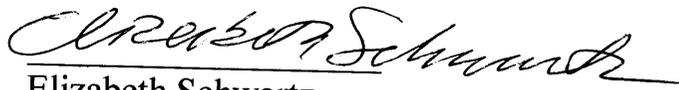
To Whom it May Concern:

Over the past 2 years I have suffered with severe chronic pain. I have rheumatoid arthritis – with terrible pain flares that barely respond to most conventional methods of pain control. I have tried all opiates available to me with bad side effects of nausea and headaches and dizziness with most.

Then my doctors at the Pain Clinic at University of California/San Diego started me on Oxycontin and I have had very good success with pain control, and none of the bad side effects of any of the other pain relievers I had tried.

The Oxycontin has been the main factor in allowing me to return to a normal full-functioning life again.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Schwartz